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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This bill is fairly technical, but it's really very simple in what it does. It takes \$2 million that are surplus, I guess you'd say, in the Children's Health Insurance Cash Fund and transfers it to the Medicaid program, and that's the one that's actually Program 348, which is the one we just had previous discussion on for the Children's Health Fund. The Medicaid overrun in that bill, the cost, that was part of the \$30 million, this takes \$2 million in surplus funds in the present Children's Health Insurance Cash Fund and transfers it to the...the Medicaid program. That's really all it does. It's...it's somewhat technical language, but it's a way to cover part of that excess cost in the Medicaid Fund, and it takes it from, we call it CHIP for short, and to use the money that is surplus in that fund and now can be used in...for the Children's Health Insurance Fund, Medicaid...Children's Medicaid Fund. And so it's...it's related use, but because one fund has additional money in it that's not been used, this transfers \$2 million of that to the other...to this Medicaid Fund, Program 348.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Discussion on the advancement of LB 1215? Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close. Senator Wehrbein waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 1215 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1215.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill for consideration LB 1216, a bill introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12 of this year, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM2688, Legislative Journal page 974.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. To open on LB 1216, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm